

July 11, 1931.

Mr. Robert G. Porter,  
Duchesne, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: RED CREEK DIST.

I have the letter of July 10 by you and Judge Hollenbeck advising me of the recommendation of Mr. William Clifton as water commissioner on Red Creek to serve at a compensation of \$5.00 per day and ten cents per mile expense and your estimate of \$150 as budget for the season.

Before appointing Mr. Clifton it seems advisable to have an understanding as to the assessments and according to the record in this office, which appears to be the official record of rights, the assessment should be pro rated as follows:

D. N. Murdock	\$10.00
David S. Murdock	22.50
Red Creek Irr. Co.	98.50
Geo. Muir	2.15
Wilder Fairbanks	3.85
Oliver L. Sager	8.75
M. J. Cleary and	
F. C. Ferron	4.25

I am submitting this assessment list for the reason that I believe that the legal record of rights here in this office does not show correctly the present owners and it is necessary before making the appointment for me to have the \$150 paid in advance to this office.

Under the present situation it does not seem at all necessary for Mr. Clifton to come to Salt Lake, the only instructions which I could give him would be to distribute the water according to the rights on Red Creek. These rights appear to be only those covered by applications and certificates, an abstract of which has already been furnished to Judge Hollenbeck. It would be the business of the commissioner to furnish

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D. R. Murdock 2.66 second feet if the same is being applied to beneficial use; next David S. Murdock, et al 6 second feet; next the Red Creek Irrigation Company 16.24 second feet, and so on down the line of rights in the order of their priority.

It is my understanding that various original owners have sold either all or part of their rights and as to this I have no definite information. I believe that some of the water is not being diverted as called for in the certificate and this would complicate the situation.

I believe that the Red Creek situation should be straightened out and it is quite important, if possible, to straighten it out on a friendly basis. For me to appoint a commissioner without full understanding by the water users of what is involved will not aid in a friendly solution and for this reason I am holding up the appointment for a few days so that you and Judge Hollenbeck can discuss this letter and be able to give me some assurance that the payment of the assessment will be promptly made.

Yours very truly,

State Engineer.

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CC- Judge Hollenbeck.

7/27/31 D. J. Murdock